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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN

1. PLEASE DELIVERY FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO KING HUSSEIN.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR MAJESTY:

AS I PREPARE TO RELINQUISH TO MY SUCCESSOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, NO MEMORIES I TAKE WITH ME WILL BE STRONGER THAN THOSE OF THE MANY VISITS I HAVE MADE TO THE MIDDLE EAST OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. I WILL REMEMBER WITH PARTICULAR

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WARMTH MY VISITS TO JORDAN, WHERE I ALWAYS FOUND AN ATMOSPHERE OF REASON, RESTFULNESS AND GENUINE FRIENDSHIP. THE TALKS WITH YOUR MAJESTY WERE NOT ONLY A PERSONAL PLEASURE; THEY ALSO HELPED ME IN SHARPENING MY INSIGHTS INTO THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH I WAS SEEKING TO DEAL.

3. YOUR ROLE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN VITAL. YOU HAVE BEEN A FRIEND TO THE UNITED

STATES EVEN IN PERIODS WHEN IT WAS UNFASHIONABLE. YOU CONSISTENTLY HAVE GIVEN A SUCCESSION OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND ME PERSONALLY YOUR UNSTINTING COOPERATION AND VALUED ADVICE.

4. I LEAVE OFFICE WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN YOUR AREA. CERTAINLY, THE POSITIVE FEATURES OF THE PRESENT SCENE OUT-BALANCE THE NEGATIVE TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE RECENT PAST.

5. I BELIEVE THAT EARLY PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IS ESSENTIAL AND POSSIBLE, AND I WILL URGE ON MY SUCCESSOR AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

6. ULTIMATE SUCCESS WILL, HOWEVER, BE DEPENDENT UPON YOU, YOUR MAJESTY, AND YOUR BROTHER STATESMEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, AS IN THE PAST, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR CHARACTERISTICALLY FAR-SIGHTED CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOMENTUM TOWARDS PEACE WITH WHICH YOU PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR SO LONG. IN DOING SO, I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DISPLAY THE KIND OF OPTIMISTIC GALLANTRY TYPIFIED IN HEMINGWAY'S WORDS, "THE WORLD IS A FINE PLACE AND WORTH FIGHTING FOR." THIS SPIRIT OF YOURS PERSUADES ALL OF US THAT CHALLENGES CAN STIMULATE US AND THAT THE DOUBTERS CAN BE IGNORED. TOGETHER, WE WILL OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES.

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7. IN THE FUTURE, I WILL RELISH ALL OF MY MANY WARM MEMORIES OF OUR ASSOCIATION, BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL. MY BEST WISHES WILL ALWAYS ATTEND YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN.

WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER

END QUOTE.

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